

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. In the specification

The specification is amended, as shown in the foregoing AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION, to correct the minor informality of the misspelling of the word "complimentary" to properly read --complementary--. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added, as the changes simply correct minor informalities.

This amendment is necessary for a proper understanding of the specification, and the amendment does not place an undue burden on the Office.

Since the amendment is necessary for an accurate understanding of the specification and its consideration does not place an undue burden on the Office, consideration and entry of the AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION is most respectfully requested.

2. In the claims

As shown in the foregoing AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS, the claims have been amended to more clearly point out the subject matter for which protection is sought.

Upon review of the claims, minor informalities were discovered. This amendment under Rule 312 is submitted to correct the formal matters without changing the scope of the claims.

Claim 1 is amended to include the word "located" prior to the word "coaxially" in order to provide clarity with respect to the location of the annular mounting ring. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added, as the change merely provides clarity.

Claim 1 is also amended to recite “the impeller” instead of “an impeller” so it is clear that there is a single impeller within the cutting head. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added, as the change merely provides clarity.

Claims 1 and 6 are amended to correct the minor informality of the misspelling of the word “complimentary” to properly read --complementary--. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added, as the changes simply correct minor informalities.

These amendments are necessary for a proper understanding of the claims, since the informalities could cause confusion as to the proper interpretation of the claims. This amendment does not place an undue burden on the Office.

Since the amendment is necessary for accurate claim interpretation and its consideration does not place an undue burden on the Office, consideration and entry of the AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS is most respectfully requested.

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3. Conclusion

As a result of the amendment under Rule 312, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendment under Rule 312 be entered, and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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